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IMPACT OF GLOBALISATION ON POVERTY AND WOMEN

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government's policies of globalisation and structural adjustment are responsible for increase in poverty and violence against women;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether the Government are considering to review its economic policies;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) and (b) : The Planning Commission estimates poverty at national and state level from the large sample surveys on consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) at an interval of approximately five years. The last such survey was conducted in 1993-94. The full data from next large survey on consumer expenditure conducted during the period July, 1999 to June, 2000 are under process. As such, the estimates of poverty since the initiation of the policies of globalisation and structural adjustment in 1991, is available only for the year 1993-94. Hence, it is not possible to ascertain the change in poverty during the period of economic reforms. However, comparing two latest estimates, 1987-88 and 1993-94, it is observed that the percentage of people living below the poverty line declined by 2.9 percentage point. It is not possible to establish the nexus between the policies of globalisation and structural adjustment initiated by the Government and violence against women.

(c) to (e) : The economic policies are regularly reviewed by the Government from time to time.